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exercising their political rights or to punish them for having done so. SLAPPs send a clear message: that there is a “price” for speaking out politically. The price is a multimillion-dollar lawsuit and the expenses, lost resources, and emotional stress such litigation brings. This is a message with import for every American, activist or not. As these suits become an increasing (and increasingly known) risk for the ordinary citizen who decides to speak out on a public issue, SLAPPs raise substantial concern for the future of citizen involvement or public participation in government, a fundamental precept of representative democracy in America.<sup>4</sup>

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